



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 2757

A bill to provide for the transfer and other disposition of certain lands at Melrose Air Force Range, New Mexico, and Yakima Training Center, Washington

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on September 20, 2000*

S. 2757 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain federal lands to the Secretaries of the Air Force and the Army. CBO estimates that enacting S. 2757 would not significantly affect the federal budget. Enacting the bill could affect offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending); therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply, but we expect any such effects to total less than \$10,000 in any given year. S. 2757 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

Under the bill, the Secretary of the Interior would transfer jurisdiction over 6,614 acres of federal lands within Melrose Air Force Range, New Mexico, to the Secretary of the Air Force. The Secretary of the Interior also would transfer jurisdiction over 6,640 acres within Yakima Training Center, Washington, to the Secretary of the Army. Subject to valid existing rights, the bill would withdraw the associated mineral estate of the transferred lands and about 3,090 acres of other lands located within Yakima Training Center from mineral and geothermal leasing and development.

Based on information from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), CBO estimates that transferring the lands would not significantly change the federal costs to manage them. Withdrawing certain lands from mineral and geothermal leasing and development could reduce offsetting receipts from those activities and payments to states to share those receipts, but we estimate that any such effects would be negligible. According to BLM, those lands currently generate less than \$10,000 a year from activities that could be affected by the bill, and the agency does not expect the lands to generate significant receipts in the future.

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